

### HARRIS NEW KEY TO FEDERAL JOBS

#### Democratic State Chairman Said to Be in Fine Favor With President.

#### TAMMANY MEN PLEASED

Edwin S. Harris, the recently elected chairman of the Democratic State committee, showed up at headquarters yesterday with a smile on his face that everybody interpreted as signifying that he had had a pleasant interview with President Wilson on Monday night. He was introduced by Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone.

"Mr. Harris," said the President, "we arrived at a perfect understanding in regard to the situation in the State of New York."

The fact that Mr. Harris was pleased was sufficient for the Tammany men who dropped in on him during the day. His having good relations with Collector Malone, one of the men who started out some time ago to build up in this State an independent organization, was interpreted as an indication that the White House is in entire accord with the feeling of Tammany Hall that now is the time for all good men to come together for the good of their party.

Before Mr. Harris was elected State chairman it was understood his recommendations for appointments to State offices were usually favorably considered by the President. He is expected to have increasing influence from now on. Mr. Harris said yesterday that he had not discussed the New York postmaster with Mr. Wilson. Senator Wagner's name has not been withdrawn and the feeling is that it will not be until the President is ready to send in a name acceptable to Senator O'Gorman.

Mr. Harris intends to be at State headquarters in this city at least three days a week. Pilgrimages to his office began yesterday and those who saw him went away feeling that from now on the Democratic party in New York will have a show. This necessarily relates to the indorsement of their State ticket by Washington rather than to appointments. Mr. Harris is believed to have mentioned a number of names to the President in connection with the governorship and the United States Senatorships.

With respect to the former Judge Samuel Seabury of the Court of Appeals and Ambrose Swasey, who are thought to be possibilities who stand on the delightful edge of probability, both have shown themselves strong vote getters and Democrats here believe either would be welcomed by the Administration at Washington.

It developed in connection with the return of Mr. Harris that Martin J. Glynn, formerly Governor, is very likely to be chosen as temporary chairman of the Democratic National convention in St. Louis, and this is held to mean that he is likely to be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Senator O'Gorman. While Governor Glynn was well liked in Washington and his recent reply to Elihu Root's attack upon Mr. Wilson raised him to high favor.

As a general proposition it may be stated on good authority that while suggestions will occasionally be made with respect to possibilities for certain offices nothing will be decided until after the St. Louis convention. Mr. Harris let it be known that there was no actual discussion of patronage with the President.

#### 9,000 CONVENTION TICKETS.

Entire Supply Already Exhausted for Chicago Event.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Plans for the distribution of admission tickets to the Republican National convention, which is to be held June 7, in the city of Chicago, were completed today by Fred W. Upham, chairman of the citizens committee.

There will be between 9,000 and 10,000 tickets given out as follows: 1,000 extra tickets to delegates, being one apiece to alternates, 700 press tickets, 2,500 for distribution among citizens by the citizens committee, 2,500 to the eleven members of the national convention subcommittee, being 200 apiece to 10 members of the national committee, being fifteen apiece, 140 for distribution among Presidential candidates, being ten apiece.

The entire supply of tickets has been exhausted or promised, Mr. Upham said today.

#### WILSON LIKENED TO LINCOLN.

President Praised at Convention of the Connecticut Democrats.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 9.—Hugh S. Cummings, Vice-Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, delivered the keynote speech yesterday before the keynote speech yesterday before the Connecticut Democratic convention, of which he was elected permanent chairman. He compared President Wilson to Abraham Lincoln in the steadfastness of his purpose to keep the country honorably out of war. Mr. Cummings demanded to know what the Republicans had to offer the country in place of President Wilson's policies.

"Do they desire something heroic?" he asked. "If so, the Colonel is ready. The Republican party evidently needs some one who can discover an issue, and the Colonel is the greatest discoverer of all time. The Colonel is the hair shirt that the Republican party must wear for its sins."

Mr. Cummings praised the President's course in Mexico and in questions arising out of the European war, and concluded:

"We may not be able to maintain peace. No one can foresee what a day may bring forth. But this we know, up to the present moment our President has kept us out of the world conflict. If trouble comes we are immeasurably better prepared for it than we were a year ago. If the services of the President have merely delayed the hour of our entry into the conflict America can never repay the debt it owes to him."

#### GUILTY PLEA BARS LAW TEST.

Reckless Auto Driver Who Ran Down Woman Avoids Jury Trial.

Judge Nott in General Sessions yesterday lost the opportunity to test the law of intent as applied to the driver of an automobile who injures a person when John Riondan, of 439 West Fifty-second street, pleaded guilty to assault to the second degree. It was alleged in the indictment against Riondan that he "willfully and feloniously did strike a person, to wit, Miss Lillian Carlson of 27 West 102d street at 10th street and Central Park West on the night of August 2 last. His lights were not burning at the time and he did not stop to ascertain the extent of his victim's injuries."

Judge Nott held that Riondan was legally indicted and a jury was about to be drawn when the defendant offered his plea of guilty to assault in the second degree, the maximum penalty for which is five years imprisonment. He will be sentenced Friday.

### BIG ROOT STRENGTH IS SEEN BY WASHINGTON OBSERVERS

#### Ford Will Not Bind Delegates Instructed for Him—Opinion Is That Roosevelt Cannot Win Nomination—"Field" Against Hughes.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—According to figures just compiled here 781 of the 988 delegates who will sit in the Republican national convention have been chosen. Of this number 542 are uninstructed or are free to follow their own desires after the first ballot or two.

Just 259 are pledged either by primary or State convention to stand by specific candidates. The claim is made by some party leaders that a majority of 542 "uninstructed" delegates are practically pledged to stand out against Roosevelt.

The 259 that are pledged are listed for candidates as follows:

10: Burton, 10; La Follette, 25; Cummins, 74; Fairbanks, 40; Sherman, 58; du Pont, 6.

Republican delegates have been chosen in all but nine States. The States yet to name delegates are Alabama, Maryland, Oregon, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Ford Would Not Hold Delegates.

Included in the list of uninstructed delegates are Michigan's block of thirty, which State Senator John C. Spooner, locally pledged to Henry Ford, all of whom will go to other candidates after the first ballot. The Michigan delegation is not regarded as instructed, even by Mr. Ford.

Not in many years has a situation confronted the Republican party where the probable outcome of a national convention was in such doubt as at this time. Believing that ex-President Roosevelt cannot land the nomination, the leaders are as much in the dark as any one on the outside.

Most of them favor the nomination of Elihu Root, but all fear the chances of Justice Hughes.

However, the jurist himself has not become active in his behalf, an enthusiastic organization is running a campaign for delegates with a belief that they are to produce satisfactory results. In fact the statement was made here today that many of the "uninstructed" delegates favor Justice Hughes, notably William H. Lawrence, Indiana, Minnesota and other States in the middle and north West.

There are now five Presidential headquarters in Washington. Headquarters have been opened here to further the candidacy of Mr. Root. Headquarters were put in commission here weeks ago in behalf of Senator Weeks, Senator Burton and Senator Sherman.

Senator Wadsworth, New York, will look out for Mr. Root's interests in the Presidential headquarters is limited to forwarding literature to various sections of the country. All of the candidates have assistants in the field sounding sentiment and making reports to the respective managers. In a week more activities in Washington leading to the convention will be up to an end. On May 22 the Weeks league will go into camp in a Chicago hotel, and shortly thereafter headquarters will be opened in the convention city in the interest of the other candidates.

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#### PROSPECTS FOR ROOT ARE REPORTED BRIGHT

John W. Dwight Back From Washington With Encouraging News for Ex-Senator.

John W. Dwight, who is in charge of Root headquarters here, returned from Washington yesterday saying that Washington views the political situation as very favorable to Mr. Root's candidacy. He said his impression, gained from talking with members of Congress, was that the country is receptive to Mr. Root's candidacy.

"I saw a good many of my old colleagues in the House of Representatives," he said. "Some of them are delegates to the Chicago convention. Where they are not committed to candidates from their own States, the delegates from their own States are quite open minded and I think that may be said of the delegates generally. There is everywhere the most intense admiration for Mr. Root as the next best man to the President in our foreign and domestic affairs. During the two days I was in Washington I heard only good words for Mr. Root, and not only that but there was also very encouraging news."

Among the delegates to the convention who called at the Root headquarters yesterday were Otto T. Hornum, J. H. Highland, National Committeeman from West Virginia, was another caller. He said as though there was considerable sentiment for Mr. Root in that State.

Senator George B. Wellington of Troy, who was in town yesterday, said he thought the Hughes boom was slowly but surely collapsing. He was very critical of Mr. Root's chances and said he believed Col. Roosevelt would be picked by the Republicans.

"The most significant feature of the whole present campaign," he said, "is that the bankers and big business men are for Roosevelt. That is true among my clients in Troy and I understand the Wall Street men are for the Colonel to a man."

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#### C. A. FRANCIS BEATEN IN LONG BRANCH ELECTION

John W. Flock to Be Chosen as Mayor, Dr. Chasey as Director of Safety.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., May 9.—In one of the most exciting elections ever held in this city John W. Flock, Dr. James Chasey, Frank L. Howland, Marshall Woolley and James Guire were elected commissioners. There were twenty-two candidates and a bitter fight was waged.

Flock, Woolley and Howland are members of the present board. Flock was high man with 1,299 votes, Dr. Chasey second, second with 1,275. Woolley was third with 1,244, Howland fourth with 1,142 and Guire fifth with 888.

Isaac Woolley defeated Mayor Newcomb for sixth place and Commissioner of Public Safety Thomas V. Arrowood was tenth in the running. The surprise of the day was the defeat of former State Senator C. A. Francis, who polled but 700 votes.

Commissioner Flock will be chosen for Mayor and Dr. Chasey for Commissioner of Public Safety. Mr. Howland will retain his place as head of the Finance Department. Mr. Woolley says Mr. Guire will take Dr. Flock's place as head of the Department of Parks and Public Property.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 9.—With thirty-two of the forty-three precincts counted in Atlantic City, the election has been won by Mayor Flock. He has defeated Mayor Riddle and his entire ticket for election to the Board of City Commissioners that will run the city for the next four years. Riddle, high man of his ticket, was 700 behind his nearest competitor.

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### PROGRESSIVES TO MEET HERE TO-DAY

#### Gathering Expected to Further the Plan for Reunion With Republicans.

#### COLONEL COMING TO CITY

The executive committee of the National Progressive party, of which George W. Perkins is chairman, will hold a meeting at headquarters here today which Progressives believe will be the most important since the meeting in Chicago at which was drafted a declaration of principles containing the germ of reunion with the Republican party.

It has been reported that the meeting is to be for the purpose of bringing home to Col. Roosevelt the necessity of his becoming again the candidate of a third party. It has been reported further that the strongest kind of pressure will be exerted to get his consent to accept the nomination which is waiting him at the hands of the Progressive party, no matter what the Republicans do. A flat denial that this was to be the purpose of the meeting came from an authoritative Progressive leader yesterday.

As he outlined the object of the meeting today, it is to go over the entire political situation, both as to candidates and policies, and thereafter to issue a statement to the public. The impression prevails that this statement will point the way to party reunion even more emphatically than did the Chicago statement of last winter.

Five Republicans who supported Mr. Root in 1912 issued a statement last night urging the Republican national convention to nominate the Colonel. Those who signed the statement are: J. Mayhew Wainwright, former State Senator; Courlandt Nicol, former Assistant Attorney General; John H. Iselin, former Assistant District Attorney; Alexander M. White, former Treasurer of the Republican State committee; whom Michael Dady defeated for delegate to the Republican national convention, and Oden Reid, editor of the Tribune.

"We Republicans," says the statement, "who supported our party candidate in 1912, have reached the conclusion that our country in the present juncture needs Theodore Roosevelt as President. We believe he is the most qualified to guide our country at this present critical period of its history. We urge his nomination as a patriotic duty upon the Republican national convention."

Col. Roosevelt will make his equal trip to town today, expecting to spend most of the time at his desk in the Metropolitan offices. In the afternoon he will attend the memorial service for William J. Young, who was his secretary when the Colonel was Governor. The service is to be held in the Federal Court Building in Brooklyn.

#### Anti-Hughes Combination.

Much evidence of a combination of "right" against Justice Hughes has been developed in the last few days. Representatives of the conservative wing of the party, the "regulars," so-called, have been conferring together in New York and in Washington looking to a combination—ex-Senator Hemenway and Joe Keating, representing Fairbanks; Gray, representing Mooney, manager of Senator Burton's boom; Senator Cummins's friends, and Mr. Sherman, together with friends of Senator Weeks. Senator Burton was here Saturday and Sunday and was in conference with Mr. Keating and with the other representatives of the "allies."

One of Senator Cummins's managers said today that Justice Hughes never would overcome the combination now formed against him.

"Then who will be nominated?" he was asked.

"Well, if Col. Roosevelt will do what it is reported he may do—indorse Mr. Root—the next candidate of the Republicans for President will be Mr. Root. But this suggestion was dispelled later when it was stated by a close friend of Col. Roosevelt that he had ascertained that the Colonel positively would not come out in an indorsement of any one of the candidates."

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